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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title to read: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING A SWITCHING SIGNAL STATE."